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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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Goff et al.

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FOR: Control of Gene Expression in Plants by Receptor Mediated
Transactivation in the Presence of A Chemical Ligand

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of October 8, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 8, 2004. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), thereby extending the due date to February 9, 2004 (since February 8th was a Sunday).

A Credit Card Payment Form is enclosed for fee purposes. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-1744 in the name of Syngenta.

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